[Mr. R. Nilakanta Pillai.]

(v) *Filarial Survey and Medical Entomology.*—Filarial surveys of Shertallai, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha taluks, Quilon and Trivandrum Municipal towns and parts of the Alleppey Municipal town and the Karunagapally taluk have been conducted so far. The etiology of filariasis in Shertallai and Trivandrum has been worked out. Control measures at Trivandrum have been found to be effective. Malaria surveys of Todupuzha and Shencotta taluks and parts of Patanapuram, Vilavankod and Neyyattinkara taluks have also been completed. It is proposed to continue the work next year.

(vi) *Plague.*—The outbreak of plague in Peermade necessitated the commencement of a rat-flea survey. An officer was specially trained in Bombay for the work of combating plague and is now stationed at Peermade where he is taking routine measures against the outbreak of plague. Provision has been made for continuing and strengthening the existing temporary staff for the prevention and control of plague and other epidemics.

(vii) *General.*—A sum of Rs 6,000 has also been included in the budget for grants to Municipalities for taking measures for the control of mosquitoes and Rs 4,720 for the control of filariasis in the Shertallai taluk.

24. *Stationery and Printing*—A Special Officer with a temporary staff for the Standardisation of Forms now in use was appointed early this year. He has already inspected 21 departments and has standardised the forms in use effecting appreciable savings. There are yet 30 more departments to be inspected and this will take up the whole of 1109. Provision is therefore made for the continuance of the Officer and his staff for the next year.

The absence of a central agency in the Secretariat to exercise an effective control in respect of the issue of stationery for printing and binding of forms and registers required for the several Government departments from year to year has, it is seen, led to occasional overstocking of registers, to printing of oversized volumes and to waste of costly stationery for printing ephemeral forms. With a view to effect consolidation and coherence in printing and to effect all possible economies under printing and stationery, it is proposed to organise a Central Printing Office in the Secretariat with effect from 1st Chingam 1109, by amalgamating the existing Forms Branch of the Stationery department, with the office of the Special Officer for the Standardisation of Forms.

The Central Printing Office will work under the control of the Special Officer during the period of Standardisation, and function as a separate unit in the Secretariat, when the work of the Special Officer is over.

25. *Co-operative Department.*—A mixed committee of officials and non-officials was appointed towards the middle of the current year, with Mr. G. K. Devadhar as Chairman, to examine the present condition of the co-operative movement in the State and to make recommendations

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